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TOM MCGUINNESS

## Tom McGuinness receives honors

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

A rare honor has come to Tom McGuinness of Niagara College: a former student, now on the Dean's Honor List at the University of Waterloo, has publicly acknowledged Mr. McGuinness as having a major influence on him.

The student, David Edwards, is enrolled in environmental studies at the University of Waterloo where he qualified for the Dean's Honors List by being in the top five per cent of his class. He was asked by the Dean to recognize someone not associated with the university who had a powerful effect on him. He named Mr. McGuinness, who was formerly co-ordinator of the defunct survey technician program at Niagara.

Mr. Edwards wrote, "Tom instilled confidence; teaching the logic and science of surveying; he also made it clear that there were things we could do other than surveying. His patience and humor made going to school a pleasure and his approachability was always appreciated."

In a letter from Dean J. H. Bater, Mr. McGuinness was thanked on behalf of the faculty of environmental studies at the University of Waterloo for "assisting in the academic development of one of our outstanding students."

Asked how he felt to be so commended by someone he had taught more than 10 years ago, Mr. McGuinness would only say, modestly, "Of course I was elated. I'm really overjoyed he (David Edwards) is an honor student there, too."

He remembers Mr. Edwards quite well, and has kept in close touch with him and other students over the years. In 1979, the year Mr. Edwards graduated, he was involved in some hijinks concerning the Corpsuckle Cup.

The survey technician program was co-winner of the cup, which it was to have shared. When the Cup failed to appear for display as promised, it was stolen from the rival program and held hostage by Mr. McGuinness' students.

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## Freedom of Information Act puts an end to honor roll

By BRUCE CULP
Staff Writer

The Honor Roll will no longer be posted at Niagara College because a student's privacy is guarded under the Freedom of Information Act, a source said this week.

The decision was made this week on the grounds that the Freedom of Information Act forbids any disclosure or use of a student's name in a public forum. Niagara College's Honor Roll falls under this category.

The Freedom of Information and Privacy Act is a federal-provincial act that bars third party entities from gaining access to private material. It protects people from being placed on national mailing lists, and financial institutions from trading an individual's financial records.

Over the last year, the Honor Roll has been in the process of transformation. Since the Winter term of 1989, the Honor Roll has remained blank while the college figured out a way to display the list.

### STUDENT DISMAYED

Two weeks ago, an honor Social Services student, Michael Shewan, became curious why no names were on the roll. He made inquiries around the college, and wrote a letter to the Niagara News, when no one seemed to have an answer.

Only last week, Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, said the college was talking about changing the Honor Roll for other reasons.

The college was considering separating the list so that responsibility would fall under the school's different divisions. Names were to be forwarded to the appropriate division director to post in his or her specific area.

### NO SENSE

Dr. Knowles said it would make no sense to have the Honor Roll for Horticulture here on Welland Campus if those students from St. Catharines could not see it. Instead, horticulture would have its own Honor Roll in St. Catharines.

In the winter of 1989, the Dean's Honor Roll was changed to the President's Honor Roll in response to the restructuring of the college. When the college was separated into divisions, the Honor Roll moved along with the changes.

The Honor Roll has been a tradition at the college since it opened. A student with a mark of 80 per cent or over is sent a congratulatory letter signed by the President. Names were then posted on the Honor Roll in the corridor of the Simcoe Wing.

## *Activity fee $5 increase*

The Student Administrative Council has approved in principle a suggestion by Bette Ferguson for a $5 increase in student activity fee.

Members of the council agreed with Mrs. Ferguson to increase the student activity fee from $70 to $75. However, Cass Haworth abstained.

Mrs. Ferguson, who is the director of student services, works closely with SAC, and chairs the steering committee for the Student Centre.

The seven per cent increase in the student activity fee is "just to keep pace with normal inflation," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said it would be the third year there has been no increase, if the $25 extra charge for the Student Centre is not taken into account.

The student activity fee is usually increased every two years,

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## SAC's spending plans almost on target

The Student Administrative Council spent $82,429.90 between September and Dec. 31 and is just about on target with it's spending plans for the year, according to the SAC operating budget. Total projected expenditure for the year is $246,355.

Pub nights are about $6,000 in the hole; revenue has been only $4,519 with expenses of $10,461.50.

"But this is better than last year at the same time when the loss was $10,000," Karl Anselstetter, executive vice-president, said. SAC hopes to make up the difference by holding more off-campus pubs for the rest of the school year.

It costs about $500 more a pub to hold one on campus where SAC is responsible for security, bar tending, a pub manager and cleaning, Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said. Off campus, SAC only pays for the band.

SAC's planned spending includes: $75,600 for athletics and sports; $20,000 for the proposed Student Centre; a $15,000 contingency fund; $14,325 allocation to satelite centres; $22,000 in salaries and $11,000 in honoraria.

SAC will neither make a profit nor lose money, Annarita Scremin, vice-president of finance, said.

As of Dec. 31, there was a surplus of $2,056.95 over expenditures, but this could be a result of the changed school year because of the faculty strike, Donna said.

The fiscal year April 1 to March 31 is divided into three sections for budget purposes: the fall and winter terms, and the April to September periods when SAC expenses are minimal. Thus, while the $82,000 figure represents about one-third of the year's expenditure, many major expenses will not be presented until late in the fiscal year.

The bulk of SAC's revenue comes from student fees, a figure that was estimated this year — before the strike — at $211,680.

# Give blood — The gift of life

## Heave ho

Last week's fall of snow blocked many driveways and this little girl was helping to clear it away. Although the snow gave her a reason to get out and shovel, she can't wait to hang up her winter clothes and shovel, and dig out her shorts.

Photo by Bome Matshaba

# Warm reception for new students

A program which will give new students a warm reception and help them adapt more quickly to the college environment is seeking students who will take on the job.

The peer adviser program is looking for students who want to be peer advisers starting next semester. Morris Bosey, head of counselling, said the applicants must be second or third year students who are doing well in their courses. "We hope to attract students from each faculty in the college."

Unlike peer tutoring, which is aimed at assisting students who have academic problems, the peer adviser program will provide a support system for new students during their first weeks here at Niagara College.

The advisers will receive five hours of training and will be paid $5.50 an hour. They will work at least five hours a week. Their work will include acquainting first-year students with the college's support systems such as career counselling, personal counselling and study skills.

They will help the students get involved in various campus activities and organizations sponsored by the Student Administrative Council.

"We also expect them to maintain an information desk to assist and direct freshmen find places around the college," Mr. Bosey said.

The peer adviser program is not new in the college, it has only been expanded. Mr. Bosey said they tried it last September for mature students coming back to school and it worked well.

# *Teachers to adopt area high schools*

An Adopt-A-School program is being started to improve communications with secondary schools and enrolment at Niagara College.

Under the Adopt-A-School program, college employees are assigned a particular secondary school as an "adopted" school. This employee, after attending a training session with marketing and information services, will act as an additional liaison with that one school, Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, told an information session in the Tecumseh Lounge Wednesday.

Mr. Zanutto could not provide all details as to when and where training sessions would take place, but he expects to know after more definite plans have been made. "It depends when the staff is available."

The employee, who participates strictly on a voluntary basis, will visit the school two or three times a year to discuss Niagara programs with teachers and students.

So far 12 teachers at the college have volunteered their spare time to this program. Mr. Zanutto hopes to receive at least 50 volunteers since the program will serve all of 50 Catholic and public secondary schools in the Niagara region.

## Cancellation of programs on agenda

**The next College Council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13, 1990, in the staff dining room of the Black Walnut building, 3:30 p.m.**

**The Agenda will include the role of college council in the cancellation and introduction of programs, and Gary Guzda, plant and property, will discuss safety procedures and equipment, and the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).**


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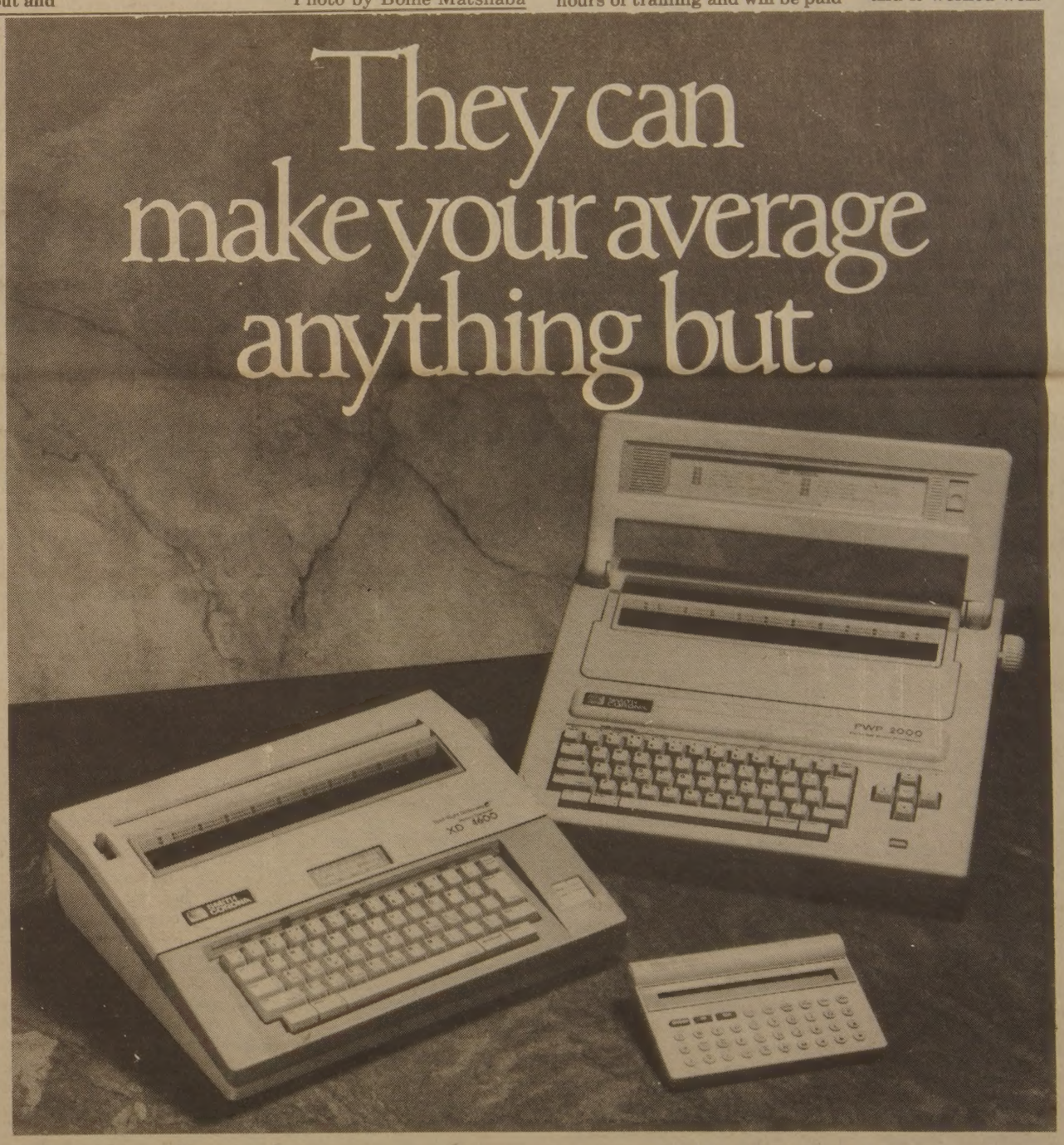


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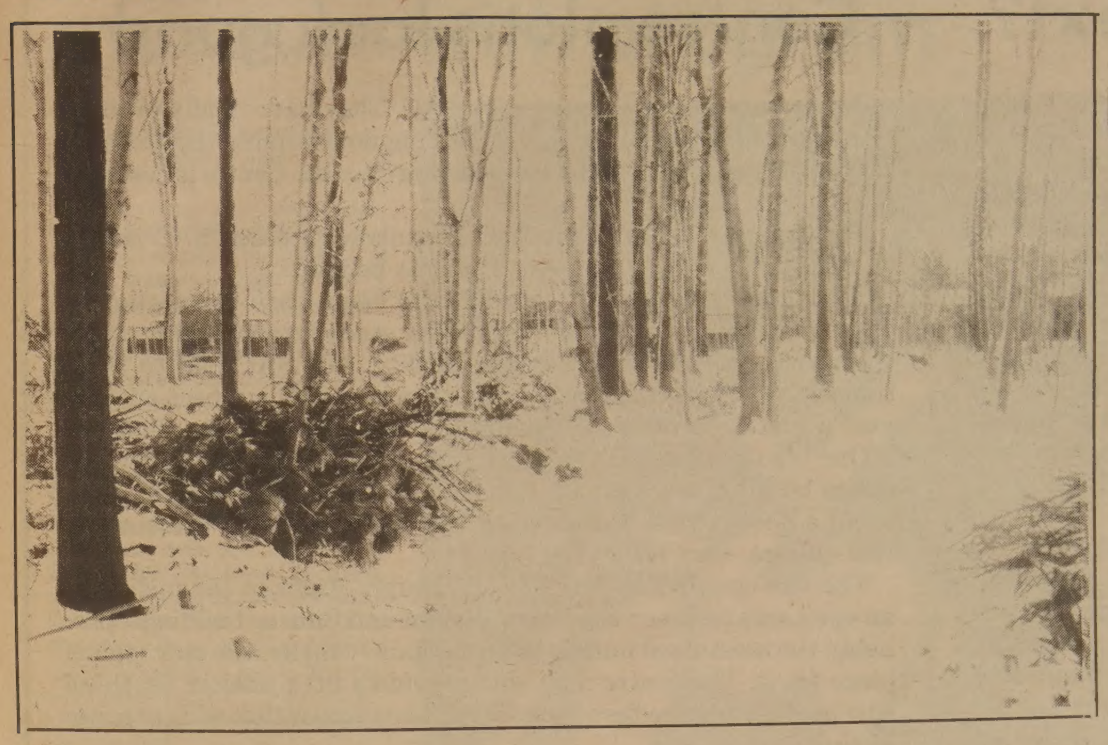

## Work done

**Tree stumps and piles of twigs are reminders of work being done on the Welland campus. "Overmature" trees have been removed from the woodlot on Woodlawn Road to allow younger trees to grow, Ed Thompson, retired building maintenance supervisor, said. The ground in the woodlot is too soft for tractors to go in, so continuing work will have to be delayed until Spring.**

Photo by Scott Tracey

# Nursing diplomas recognized in U.S.A

By MAHUBE MPUGWA
Staff Writer

Graduates of Niagara's nursing program will now be able to transfer up to 51 credits to attain a BSc in nursing in two years at D'Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y.

John Parrett, college registrar, said the recently signed agreement between Niagara and D'Youville "is a recognition of the high quality of diploma in nursing programs within the Ontario colleges of applied arts and technology."

This will be a great opportunity for students to obtain the university degree without having to travel long distances, Mr. Parrett said.

The agreement includes students who graduated as early as 1967. Twenty-three Niagara graduates are already attending D'Youville College for their BSc in nursing. The program takes two years for full-time students.

D'Youville, located near the Peace Bridge, is an accredited university in the United States offering a variety of undergraduate and post graduate degrees.

Niagara College already has several agreements for transferring credits with other institutions within Canada and the United States, Mr. Parrett said. Niagara graduates of engineering technology can have their credits transferred to the State University of New York.

The college has an agreement with the University of Maryland for transferring credits in the hotel management program. It also has a co-operative program for the early childhood education program with Brock University.

Interested students can contact the registrar's office at the Welland campus or Carol Batra, chairperson of Nursing at D'Youville College at 320 Porter Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. or call (716) 881-7614.

### No representation

# Three candidates run for board position

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

When Donna Barrett, Julie Iemmolo, and Celia Parente heard that students might not be represented on Niagara College's Board of Governors in 1990, they got involved. All three decided to run for the position of student representative on the board.

Donna, a first-year business administration student at the Welland campus, said she was upset when she heard that there wasn't going to be a student representative on the board.

"There should be student representation," she said.

Julie, a second-year human resources management student, thinks the student representative's job is "an important position — especially when students have fought for representation on the board for so long."

Celia, a first-year nursing student at Mack Nursing Education Centre, said she was disappointed when she heard the position might have been left vacant.

"I think it (student representation on the board) is very important," Celia said. "I feel it's very important for students to use whatever mechanisms are in place to make their needs known."

ON THURSDAY

Students will go to the polls to elect a student representative to the board in a Feb. 15 byelection. The byelection was called after the origion election in December produced no candidates. Donna, Julie, and Celia are the three candidates.

Donna would like to see all students at Niagara College more involved with their school.

"There's lot of apathy," she said. "I'm not really sure if it's because of lack of communication, or because it's a commuter school. I'd like to see it change."

Julie is concerned about students' interest not being considered. "On two different occasions, the college asked for students' opinions, and they weren't even taken into account." A student survey on proposed timetable changes indicated students didn't want their timetables changed, yet the college went ahead with timetable changes, Julie said. On another occasion, students at Mack Centre voted for a spring break, but they're not going to get one.

MORE INVOLVED

Celia said that even though her experience has been at Mack Centre, she feels students throughout the college have similar needs. She too believes that students need to get more involved, especially when it comes to major issues.

"I think it would have been much to the students' benefit if they have been more involved during the strike because I really feel that in certain skilled professions, repercussions will be felt (because of time lost)," Celia said.

Celia is also concerned about some specific issues at Mack Centre. "We have a real problem getting chalk and erasers. Getting overhead sheets is like pulling teeth."

All three candidates said they are prepared to take the time necessary to do the job of student representative.

# Comments from meeting

**Jim Acsai, Student Administrative Council president, was not expressing his own opinions in the Niagara News story last week about faculty evaluation.**

**Rather, he was giving an account of some criticisms heard at the meeting of the subcommittee appointed by the College Council on teacher performance evaluation.**

**He did not say some teachers use class time to mark exams instead of teaching.**

# More people sign up

More people have signed up for this year's Wintercourse competitions than last year, but more are still expected. The deadline for signing up is today. More than 100 are entered so far.

Nine teams have signed up for the scavenger hunt. Six people make up a team, and the list of things to collect will be issued on Monday. The winners, to be announced at the mini-pub next Thursday, will be given jackets.

"The list has got all sorts of things," Donna Flutur, Student Administrative Council office manager, said. But she would not give any hints.

Winter golf at the St. David's Golf Course on Wednesday will be subsidized by $2 per person; 13 people have registered.

The polar bear dip at Nickel Beach near Port Colborne on Thursday has 12 people so far, and more are still expected, Donna said. Those who participate will be given towels.

# Goss urges people to attend blood clinic

Linda Goss, branch manager of the Welland Red Cross and clinic organizer, urges people to attend Niagara College's blood donor clinic, and to bring "a friend for life" with them.

Your companion will be your "friend for life" because their donation may save their own life, that of a stranger, or even yours, Mrs. Goss said. She finds that regular donors lead a healthier life than some non-donors, because giving blood makes them more attentive to diet and exercise. "They give life to themselves and to others, and are good public relations persons for donations in general."

Mrs. Goss calls herself the "world's biggest chicken" - she did not donate blood until she was 38 years old. Her father had been an avid donor, but was stricken by diabetes, and asked her to give in his place. "It's going that first time;" that's the hurdle, she said, and bearing this in mind, she designed a special initiation kit for first time donors.

New donors with cold feet (or veins) are reminded not only that they are playing a vital part in helping those in hospitals to recover, but also that they are aiding others such as hemophiliacs to live a relatively normal life.

The blood gathered at the Feb. 16 clinic will be packed in ice and periodically transferred to the Hamilton Red Cross transfusion centre, throughout the day. As soon as the blood is received in Hamilton, it is scrutinized in the privacy of the blood bank labs, Mrs. Goss said.

"Any discrepancy at all means the blood is discarded and the patient is tracked down. Their family doctor is contacted, and in some instances, this contact may save their own life — the early beginnings of a life-threatening disease such as leukemia may be detected in the donation."

Donated blood is pre-screened by questionnaire, to ensure its safety for potential recipients. If problems with the donation are highlighted by these questions, the donor may indicate, confidentially, that he or she does not recommend the blood be used. Although this pre-donation screening takes time and may cause delays, Mrs. Goss asks donors to consider that "if they were on the receiving end, they would appreciate blood that was well screened."

Numerous lab tests and a careful re-check system make it possible for the Red Cross to provide blood of the highest quality and purity to Canadian hospitals.

At the Regional Transfusion Centre, blood donations undergo tests to confirm ABO blood group, determine Rh status, check for the presence of diseases such as syphilis, hepatitis B virus, and AIDS. Blood plasma is also checked for antibodies to red blood cells which could react negatively with the red cells of recipients.

Mrs. Goss has had to overcome the reluctance to donate of people who "think that the necessity for blood donation has decreased with new technological and medical advances." On the contrary, because of this advanced technology, complex and sophisticated operations such as open-heart transplants are being done on a more and more regular basis. These types of operations require many units of blood; thus, technological advances have increased, not decreased, the need for blood.

Mrs. Goss illustrated the overwhelming importance of donated blood by describing the case of a 12-year-old boy who suffered an aortic aneurysm. He would have died but for an operation which required 14 units of blood. When the boy's parents heaped thanks and praise upon the surgeon, he replied, "All the skill and knowledge in the world would not have saved the boy's life if that blood had not been available."

Donating blood costs nothing, but its rewards are many and far-reaching.

# Editorials

## FOI axes honor roll
## Will convocation be next?

Students anxiously awaiting the day their name goes up on the college's honor roll are best advised not to hold their breath.

It seems that the college administration does not feel that it can post the traditional honor roll and still uphold the law as spelled out in the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

And this isn't the only wrench the Freedom of Information Act has thrown in the college's works.

The Niagara News reported last week that the Career Services office has incurred significant extra costs since this act has forbidden the previous methods for collecting information which the office uses to determine the success of graduates in the workplace. Career Services is no longer allowed to contact program coordinators or graduates' parents to compile their statistics.

Where will it end?

Is the college, with its financial deficit, to cease the collection of data that it uses to inform potential students and potential employers the placement (success) rate of various programs?

Is the convocation ceremony to be a thing of the past so the college maintains the privacy of people who have met minimum requirements?

Or is it those who haven't met these requirements that are being protected? Perhaps a more pertinent question would be why is this information classified?

The college has a manager of Freedom of Information to address the issues arising out of this bureaucratic mess. It would be best if we didn't need one.

**John Blackwell**

## Congratulations, SAC
## Centre plans look good

Congratulations are in order for SAC. They have finally produced evidence that they can get something done around this college. The display of plans for the forthcoming Student Centre is concrete proof.

The elaborate works include a schedule with which SAC leaves itself open to embarrassment if it falls behind.

Since construction isn't scheduled to begin until the beginning of August, there are a lot of graduating students complaining that they won't be able to enjoy the facility, but SAC had to start somewhere. If not this year's grads, then it would have been another year's grads. In terms of financial status, this was the time.

One big drawback is the small size of the centre. In reality, the entire building will take up the same amount of space as half the ice of a hockey rink. Considering how many students there are at this college, that isn't very big.

The site couldn't be any better, though. Right in the middle of an open area between the Black Walnut and Simcoe buildings, probably the most-used buildings on campus — really, the only logical place for it. The centre may also provide a little shelter for those who are fighting the fierce winds that blow across that wide expanse of land.

The next time you see any SAC member, give them a pat on the back and a hearty congratulations.

**Jennifer Huggins**

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# Bullpit

## Welcome to our Smoke-Free College?

BY SCOTT TRACEY
Staff Writer

Let me paint you a picture. It is a cold winter day outside Niagara College. Can you see the door to the Simcoe building? Yes, the glass does look cloudy. So cloudy, in fact, that you can hardly read the Welcome to our Smoke — Free College sticker proudly displayed on the door. Wait, don't open the door...!

It's too late. Opening the door unleashes a whirling mass of white, choking smoke. As the smoke begins to clear, you can barely see, through red, puffy eyes, seven or eight people standing inside the doorway. Those people must be dead after spending so much time inside that smoldering pit that is the Simcoe building entrance. With a feeling of pride, you begin to devise a plan to rescue these people from the fierce blaze you are sure must be burning inside the building.

"Close the door, Mac, it's cold out there!" a furious voice cries out.

And then you realize, these people actually want to be there. They're not fire victims, they're smokers.

Seeking refuge from winter's wrath,the smokers have retreated to the warmer climes of the entrances. Defiantly, they disobey the college's new no-smoking policy. Even the threat of fines can't deter the brave smoker. A sign reading Smoking Not Allowed Inside is torn from its post by a small army of nicotine-stained fingers.

You are determined to do something about the situation. You prepare what you want to say, and you go to the college administration. You want them to enforce their policy and make smokers realize they have to follow the rules. But alas, you are told students should be the ones to tell smokers to "butt-out."

Well, enough of this! If the administration insists on apathy, you'll just have to deal with it yourself.

You will open the door and enter that fearful cavern of dense fumes. With your courage up, you clear your throat and say, "Excuse me." Eight pairs of eyes turn to look at you. Determined, you carry on. "Would you please get outside with those cigarettes."

For several seconds, it appears the request has fallen on deaf ears. Then, one by one, they begin to advance on you...

## Wintry waters

**Twelve Mile Creek rolls northward past Niagara College's St. Catharines Campus on a snowy winter day in February. This fast-moving creek winds its way through the city of St. Catharines before emptying into Lake Ontario. As it passes the St. Catharines Campus, the water boils down a series of rapids — this creek is not the spot for a leisurely canoe trip!**

Photo by Virgil Klassen

# FOCUS

## Creative LASA student arms museum with program

By SCOTT TRACEY
Staff Writer

More than 170 years ago, Stoney Creek's Battlefield House was a focal point in the War of 1812. Today, Grade 7 and 8 students visiting the house's museum learn about history through a program written by Martin Castellani, a Niagara College student.

Martin, 19, a first-year law and security administation student, wrote the program while working at the house for co-op and as a summer job.

Written over five months in 1989, the two-hour program replaced the 15 minute presentation previously shown to visiting students. The program underwent "many revisions" before Martin was satisfied with it. "No one really knew what we were looking for," he said.

### Origin

The program came to be when Martin's boss needed a military history program. Martin, who's always been interested in military history, wrote the program using personal knowledge and reference materials from the house's library.

"There's a possibility it could become part of the Grade 7 and 8 cirriculum as a background to their studies," Martin said.

The program includes a tour of Battlefield Park, including a cemetery where British and American soldiers are buried, and a short film and lecture, as well as a tour of the museum.

The only person familiar with the program, Martin conducts the tours dressed in the full uniform of a British soldier from the period.

Because he lives in Welland while attending school, Martin is able to work at the museum only when he returns to Stoney Creek. "I worked there quite a bit during the (teacher's) strike," he said.

Martin Castellani, in full uniform, relaxes on the staircase at Stoney Creek's Battlefield House.

Although the official program has only run a few times, Martin said there has been "quite a bit of positive feedback."

### Always

Interested in military history as a child, Martin said he always wanted to be either a soldier or a police officer. When he was turned down by the army because of an asthma condition, Martin chose the latter.

He chose Niagara's LASA program because "it has a reputation of being the best;" he would like to get onto a police force, or into customs and immigration.

But wherever he ends up, Martin will always have a fondness for military history.

Dressed in an authentic uniform and carrying a bayonet, Martin Castellani, a first-year Law and Security Administration student, demonstrates how British soldiers may have held off invading American troops during the war of 1812.

## If you don't succeed, try, try again, Syd says

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

Syd Dupuis is a man with many trades, but because of past injuries he can no longer do what he knows best. Today, he is trying something he hasn't done in over 50 years.

On Dec. 4, Syd went back to school; however the road to Niagara College in St. Catharines was not an easy one.

In May, 1989, the 62-year-old man went to the unemployment centre seeking other means to make a living.. There were many jobs available for Syd, but all were too strenuous.

"I could have thrown myself at the mercy of welfare, but I preferred to use my brains and abilities to do something useful like teaching or counselling," he said.

In his younger days, he dislocated his shoulder while he and a co-worker were loading logs on a sled. It never really gave him any touble, he said, but today when he twists or bends, the troubled shoulder pops out of place.

His foot was badly injured as well, and so, today, he must find another way to make a living.

"I never thought I would have to learn anything else besides what I already know."

### Age 15

At age 15, Syd began working on the boats peeling potatoes in the galley and eventually worked his way up the long ladder. Syd knew how to do just about everything, except to steer the boat.

He worked as a coal passer which brought him to work as a coal fireman and then moved him up to become a fireman watertender. From there he advanced to an oiler, and finally, he became an engineer.

After doing this for quite a number of years, Syd "sailed around the world." He explored such places as South America, the Arctic, Japan, China, the Soviet Union and Africa.

Living "down under" for seven years, Syd worked on whaling ships and shark fishing boats. He was a welder for the Northwest Steel Industries in British Columbia.

While seeing the sights, Syd said he found a beautiful piece of land in Barbados and bought it, presuming after building his dream house he would be able to retire there someday.

He returned to Canada to work and save money for the materials needed to build the house. When he figured he had enough money to do some more work he would return to Barbados.

Today, only the foundation and four concrete walls stand on that piece of land bought years ago. This is just one more reason Syd would like to learn another trade.

Syd does a lot of volunteer work, but he said that although he enjoys the work, it doesn't make him a living.

With all this in mind, Syd said he enjoyed being a seaman most. "I enjoyed working on the ships and I loved working on heavy machinery, but I came to a point in my life where I couldn't do that kind of work anymore."

### Learning

Today, Syd is learning English, science and mathematics at the St. Catharines campus. He said his welding days may have contributed to his high marks in science and math, but said it did nothing for his English. He said the only English he has ever learned was nine different languages of profanity.

Before being accepted into college, Syd had to take an exam and it was determined that he would need upgrading. In December, Manpower came through for Syd and he was able to start college.

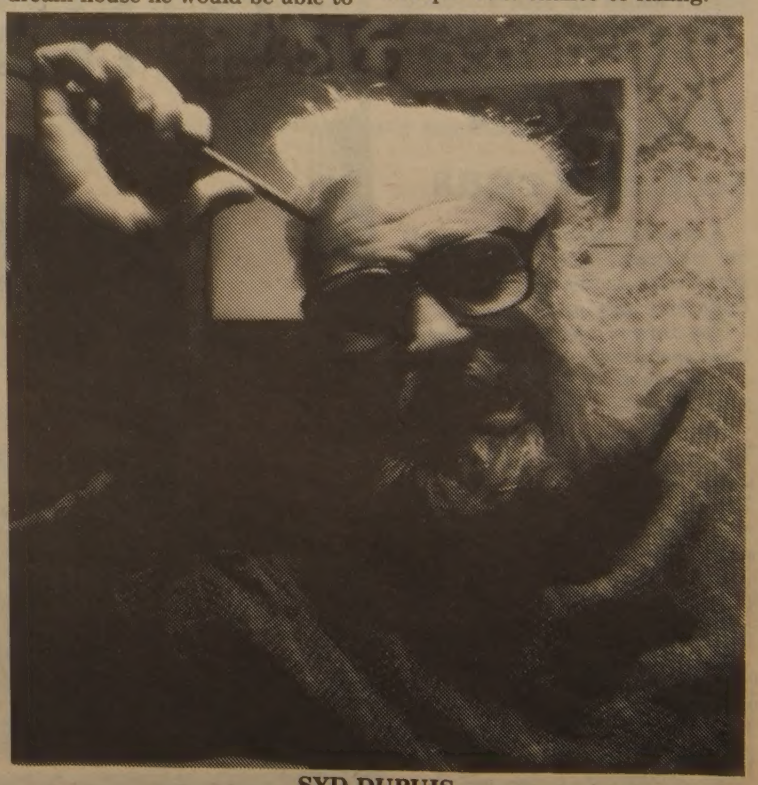
"It's exciting for me to know that I am still teachable...It's a challenge. I'm in a class where we're learning together."

Despite the lengthy gap since last attending school, which was Grade 5, Syd is still optimistic. He said he is determined and he won't give up. Syd is hoping to pursue a career in counselling for drug and alcohol abusers.

"I've worked since I was 13, and in 50 years there's been a lot of things I've learned a lot about and I'd like to teach what I know best," he said.

To date, Syd has maintained good grades in all of his classes: 80 per cent in English, 90 per cent in science and between and 80 and 90 per cent average in math.

Syd says everything he attempts in life requires effort and he referred to his motto: "If I try, I have a 50/50 chance of succeeding, but if I don't try I have 100 per cent chance of failing."



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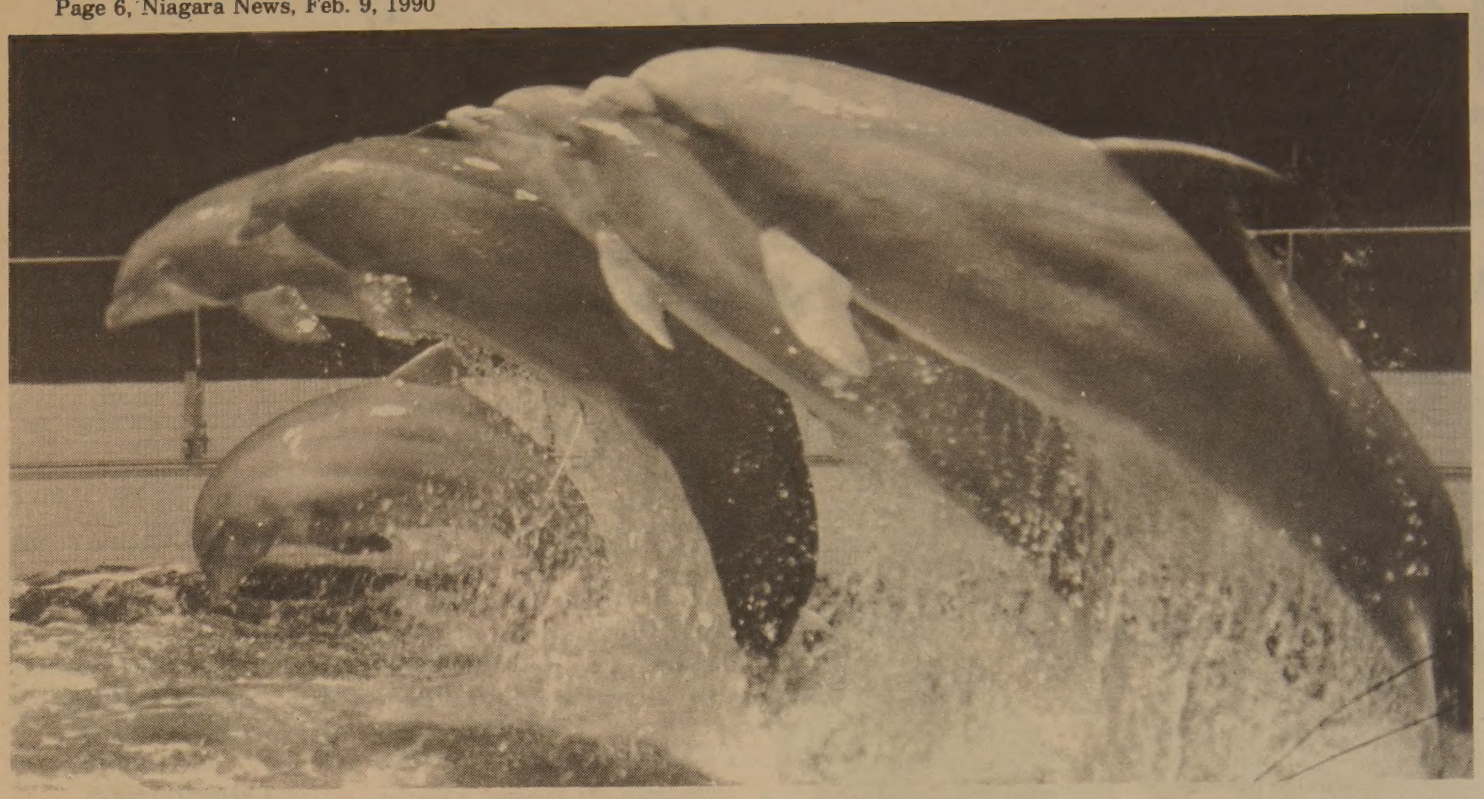

## Splllash!

**Five of Marineland's performing dolphins entertain a crowd of onlookers with their acrobatic antics. Marineland is open all year round, so, even in the dead of winer, the dolphins, seals and killer whales perform three shows a day. The new addition to the Marineland family is the baby killer whale born last summer, only the third born in captivity. The baby is already being trained to perform with his mother, Nootka, for this summer's performances.** Photo by Alison Olsen

## College receives parts

Niagara College's technical department received a donation of eight adjustable speed motor drives — worth $360,000 brand new — last Friday from T.B. Wood's and Sons, a Pennysylvania company.

Worth $45,000 each brand new, they were delivered to the college for the power technology class and the electrical technician class.

Dr. Gordon Chen, of the technology department, said this equipment is the type that industry uses more and more. Graduates will be faced with this technology and local industry will need training facilities for its employees.

It was through a Niagara College graduate, Ron McChesney, that Dr. Chen met with T.B. Wood's and Sons, one of the best manufacturers of this specialized machinery. Ron, an adviser to the technology advisory committee, introduced Dr. Chen to the president of T.B. Wood's who in turn introduced him to the vice-president of a manufacturer in Pennsylvania.

At the time, Dr. Chen was preparing a course on electronic motor drives. All the while, Dr. Chen was looking for information to start a course and had piles of literature.

The manufacturer told Dr. Chen there were products in their warehouse and asked whether he would like them. "So I said sure," Dr. Chen said. There were eight available and, even though he didn't need all eight, Dr. Chen took them all.

Expressing his appreciation, Dr. Chen said, "We'd been scrounging for equipment. I want the community to know that we're keeping up with new technology and that we have industrial support.

## Cooks win bronze

Two Niagara College graduates recieved bronze medals in the Taste for Canada contest this week at the Toronto Sheraton Centre.

Euguene Derkacz, and Lawrence Alexander, who graduated in January from the cooks' apprenticeship program, entered the cold buffet platter category and won bronze medals for their entries of pheasant pate and chicken liver stuffing, and salmon mousse.

More than 80 people entered the contest, with competitors from Humber College, Georgian College, Fanshawe, George Brown and Canadore.

Both graduates are now apprenticing; Eugene is at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Lawrence is at the Hamilton Yacht Club.

"It was a very enjoyable experience," Eugene said. "Competition in Toronto is tougher than in Niagara, and I was surprised when I ended up with a bronze. There were a lot of incredible entries."

## Win tickets to Las Vegas

A trip for two to Las Vegas is up for grabs at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, but only until Feb. 14.

The draw is open to all Niagara College students. Tickets, $2 each or three for $5, are available at the Niagara Falls campus.

The trip, courtesy of Robert Q's Travel Mart in Port Elgin, Ont., includes three or four nights at Maxim, Holiday Inn or the Flamingo Inn, free round-trip airport service for two to Toronto airport, courtesy of Laskey's Airport Transportation Service, and $100 in personal spending money.

The Niagara College tourism club is selling the tickets in support of the annual familiarization trip taken by first year tourism students.

The winnner's name will be drawn Feb. 15

## Outstanding awards ceremony scheduled for June 11

An awards ceremony is held at the college every year for students who have shown outstanding achievement in their studies.

This year the ceremony will be held on June 11, the first Monday after Convocation.

Student awards are divided into two categories, Elaine Spark, financial aid officer, said. Some awards can be applied for at the Financial Aid Office, but others are specific to a program, and are awarded on the advice of the program co-ordinator. She said non-specific awards are open to everyone at the college since they do not belong to a definite area of study.

Application forms for non-specific awards must be obtained from the office by March 1 of this year. Completed applications will be accepted only until April 15.

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Awards in non-specific programs range from the Bell Canada Awards for outstanding students entering third year, to the Jacqueline P. Robarts Scholarship which is given out to a student who has shown both a good academic record and outstanding service to the college.

All open awards are chosen by a board, Mrs. Spark said.

A booklet that lists all program-specific awards can be picked up at the Financial Aid Office, Mrs. Spark said. The booklet lists about 115 program-related awards.

Students who have won an award will be sent letters from the college urging the student to reply, Mrs. Spark said. The ceremony lasts for about an hour-and-a-half, with a casual refreshment period after the presentation. Mrs. Spark said 500 people attend, including parents, staff, and award donors.


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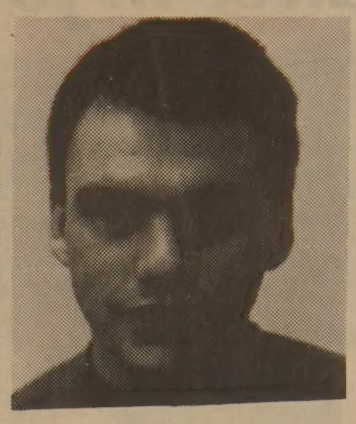

JOHN BLACKWELL

The Niagara College community contains several people who owe their lives or the lives of their loved ones to the availability of blood collected at Red Cross clinics like the one to be held here next Friday, Feb.16.

David Wismer, who received many blood transfusions after a horrendous motorcycle accident in 1987, said, "For the little prick of pain, it's worth it to help save someone else's life. Maybe one day you'll be in a situation where blood will save your life."

David, who is in his first year of law and security administration at Niagara, was driving his motorcycle to work when he was hit head-on by a Firebird.

He flipped up onto the hood of the car, putting his head through its windshield. His right leg was caught between the car and his motorcycle, and ended up being wrapped around his torso. "The pain was incredible," he said, while looking through a scrapbook of pictures showing the aftermath of the "worst day of my life."

He lost eight inches from his right leg, and was given several blood transfusions in the course of nine related operations. Without the availability of Red Cross blood, David would certainly not have survived. Although he cannot give blood due to low iron levels, David was a donor before his accident, and he encourages others to give. "It won't take that much time to help save someone's life."

## Life saved

Little Rachelle Gibbs, who is 2½ years old, would have died when she was five weeks old but for an operation requiring blood transfusions. She was suffering from pyloric stenosis, which afflicts one out of every 100,000 girls. The muscles at the bottom of her stomach completely closed, and she could not digest any food. Without the operation, she would have died within 12 hours.

Her mother Lorraine, a first-year journalism-print student, said, "If it had not been to save her life I don't think I would have signed the forms (allowing the transfusions). Like all parents, I'm scared of her getting AIDS." Lorraine really has no cause for concern, as donations undergo a rigorous screening process by the Red Cross to ensure they are perfectly safe.

Sean Gillespie, a second-year journalism-print student, has no such fears concerning his frequent blood donations. "There are all these fallacies (about donating blood)," he said. "People think there will be huge needles, and they worry about the AIDS scare. In reality, everyone gets their own brand new needles and they're thrown out afterwards."

"People who don't give blood place stress on the needles and the blood, and think of lots of pain — but there's very little pain. The nurses are friendly and experienced, and it doesn't take much time."

Sean commends Red Cross blood donors for their generosity. "I think it says something about the people of Canada. We live in a society where we can give something of ourselves — we can save someone else's life for free. Canada is unlike other countries where they have to offer money to get people to give blood. I really think that says something about Canadians."

## Generosity

Sean first donated when he was 18. He donated because he could get out of school early if he said he was going to give blood. Since then, he has donated about twice a year, about eight times in all. "The first time it's scary because you don't know what to expect," he said. He felt no pain, and played hockey that night with no ill effects.

He keeps giving because, "You never know, one day you might need blood, or someone you care about will need blood — it may be your parents or your wife, or your son, or your daughter."

Rob Olsen woke up after being in a severe car accident to find he was undergoing a blood transfusion. Later, he was given two more bags of blood. "The transfusions saved my life," he said. But for them, "I wouldn't have a life, I had lost too much blood."

Rob, who is in the hospital orderly program at Niagara's Mount Carmel campus, suffered a severed popliteal nerve, three fractures and a "rearranged" kneecap in the accident.

After several operations and transfusions, he is unable to donate blood as he is usually on some type of medication. He wouldn't mind donating if it were possible, because blood is the gift of life.

"Hospitals need it. If they don't have it, they have to postpone surgery. But surgery can't be postponed if it's an emergency, and if the blood's not there, (patients) are going to die."

Sheila McBrayne, second-year journalism student, owes her life to the one in 10 chance of landing in a furrow when she fell off a tractor 16 years ago (there are 10 furrows in a 100-acre field). Four-year-old Sheila was riding along with her uncle when she slipped off and was run over by harrows and packers attached to the back of the tractor. A harrow is a tractor attachment similar to "a bed of spikes", Sheila says, while packers are segmented rollers which pack down plowed soil so it does not blow away.

Her uncle did not notice she had fallen, and her brother, who was waiting for her to come and play, took her to the barn and hid her. By the time Sheila was found, "I had lost so much blood I had to have a transfusion."

Sheila remembers the red bag from the transfusion quite well, and when she turned 18, she gave blood for the first time. She calls donating blood "no big deal. The needle is the worst part, but it's just a prick — like going to the dentist." After her first donation, she said, "I felt good, because I was giving back what I had taken, and hopefully (my blood) will help someone else." It is no surprise Sheila plans on attending the Feb. 16 clinic.

## 1 in 10 chance

Before a car accident on Dec. 31, 1988, in which she was hit head on by a transport truck, Joanne Brule said, "I didn't want anyone else's blood in me." But she owes her life to more than 50 units of blood which she received during 12 hours of operations performed by 16 doctors. The crash occurred outside of Kapuskasing, where she was taken to hospital and given 15 units of blood. Then she was transferred to Toronto where 40 more units were transfused.

Her sister, Mona Jacques, a first-year Niagara law and security administration student, said Joanne died on the operating table and had not been expected to live. "Every bone in her body was broken and her hip had to be reconnected with a steel pin." Affected by her sister's ordeal, Mona plans to donate blood this year, for the first time. People who don't want to give should keep in mind that an accident similar to Joane's "could happen to them," she said. Mona's mother and brother are regular donors, and her sister would also give but is prevented by continued poor health.

"The most difficult thing about giving blood is remembering your postal code," John Blackwell, second-year journalism student, said. John first gave blood when he was a university student in Toronto. "It was there and I never thought twice bout it. It's a breeze — they look after everything, comfort you and take extra care of the first-time donors." John has donated blood six times, and finds the free coffee and doughnuts provided by the Red Cross volunteers to be an added incentive.

**Blood clinic stories, pictures by Elizabeth Yates**

## Attention

### Staff, students, faculty

The annual BLOOD DONOR CLINIC is soon approaching and I would like this year to be the most successful one in the history of Niagara College. It is either the Ambulance or LASA group that wins the annual Corpsuckle Cup and this year I would like to see some other group win or at least show some enthusiasm in challenging them.

We as a college should donate a lot of blood to help people who need it.

Staff, I know you should not allow anything to disrupt your classes; but in this case, I truly believe you should take the time to explain to your students how important it is to give blood. I would also suggest that you take time out of your class to bring students to the gym and give blood, because the Red Cross is very short of blood this year.

Could you please remind the students in each of your classes to eat a good breakfast if they plan on giving blood, and please help those people who are givng for the first time.

The date of the clinic is Friday, Feb. 16.

I apologize for any inconvenience, but I feel that this is a very important matter and everybody in the college should get involved. Your blood could save someone's life. I would like to thank you for your time and ask you to give some attention to this very important letter.

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# *Register with Career Services for assistance in job hunting*

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer

Sherry Barna strides to the front of the room confidently, a characteristic essential to making her point. The curious students whisper among themselves. With a wide wave of her hand, she introduces herself: "Hi, I'm Sherry Barna and I'm from Career and Counselling Services."

Mrs. Barna tries to "aid, assist and help" students looking for jobs. Registration with Career and Counselling Services will take place Feb. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. These are not the only days available to register, they are dates on which registration is highlighted.

There are two stages in the process of job searching with the centre. The first is the on-campus service. While a student is attending the college he is welcome to drop in to Career Services and look at any job opportunites. A copy of the job will be forwarded to coordinators and/or posted in an appropriate area. If a student is interested in a certain job, he must indicate in writing that he would like them to send out a resume. If the student is considered for the position, either Career Services or the employer will contact him.

When the student gets a full-time job, Career Services would like to know so that it does not continue to send out resumes. Basically, if the student sees a job he would like, Career Services will send a resume.

The second phase is after graduation. Career Services will continue to act on the student's behalf and send out resumes and contact the student. After that, the transaction is between the employer and the student.

SHERRY BARNA

The whole process is entirely voluntary. Mrs. Barna invites students to drop in to see her or just to look around the facility. She enjoys meeting the students because she said, " It's great if I can put a face to the resume."

She prefers that students make appointments to see her because she may be out on other campuses or making a presentation to another class.

# Niagara to intensify student recruitment

By MARIA PULE
Staff Writer

More high school graduates in the Niagara Region are attracted to colleges other than Niagara, particularly Mohawk and Sheridan, Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, told the College Council.

Now that he is aware that the college is not able to attract more high school graduates from the region, research will be conducted in May or June to find out the cause, he said last week.

Making a presentation to the council meeting Jan. 9, Mr. Zanutto said since the college started in 1967, intake of students continued to grow until 1985 when the number of secondary school graduates dropped by 14 per cent throughout the region. The community college strike in the fall has contributes to already low enrolment.

As a result, there is awareness that in recruting students, the college has to be aggressive by way of advertising. Mr. Zanutto said $175,000 was allocated last year for advertising and publishing.

"To succeed we must believe in a concept of marketing." This is what everybody is doing: working towards customer satisfaction by planning resources, organization and an effective marketing department.

## AT RISK

"Some programs were at a risk if we didn't boost them," he said. Few students were coming to take them. With other programs, however, it was not a problem because the same number of high school leavers going to colleges outside the region for these programs, was the same as the number of students coming outside the region to the college for the same programs

But one council member argued against advertising weak programs. "Advertise those where there is a lot of profit."

As part of marketing, Mr. Zanutto said he encourages high school visits to the college and brochures, posters and calendars are given out to these schools.

He told the council that $200 to $300 was the most they had spent on an ad, and that certain ads produce positive results while others don't. More emphasis is placed on meeting students, who show interest in enrolling at Niagara College, on personal contact or individual consultation. Phoning or visiting students are other options.

## LIKE CUSTOMERS

The college is treating students more like customers. "We must deal with them on one-to-one basis," he said.

Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academic affairs, said Niagara College is in a free trade zone and perhaps the college should discuss with the ministry that it shouldn't be charging students from the United States, especially New York region, foreign fees. Perhaps in this way the college can attract more students.


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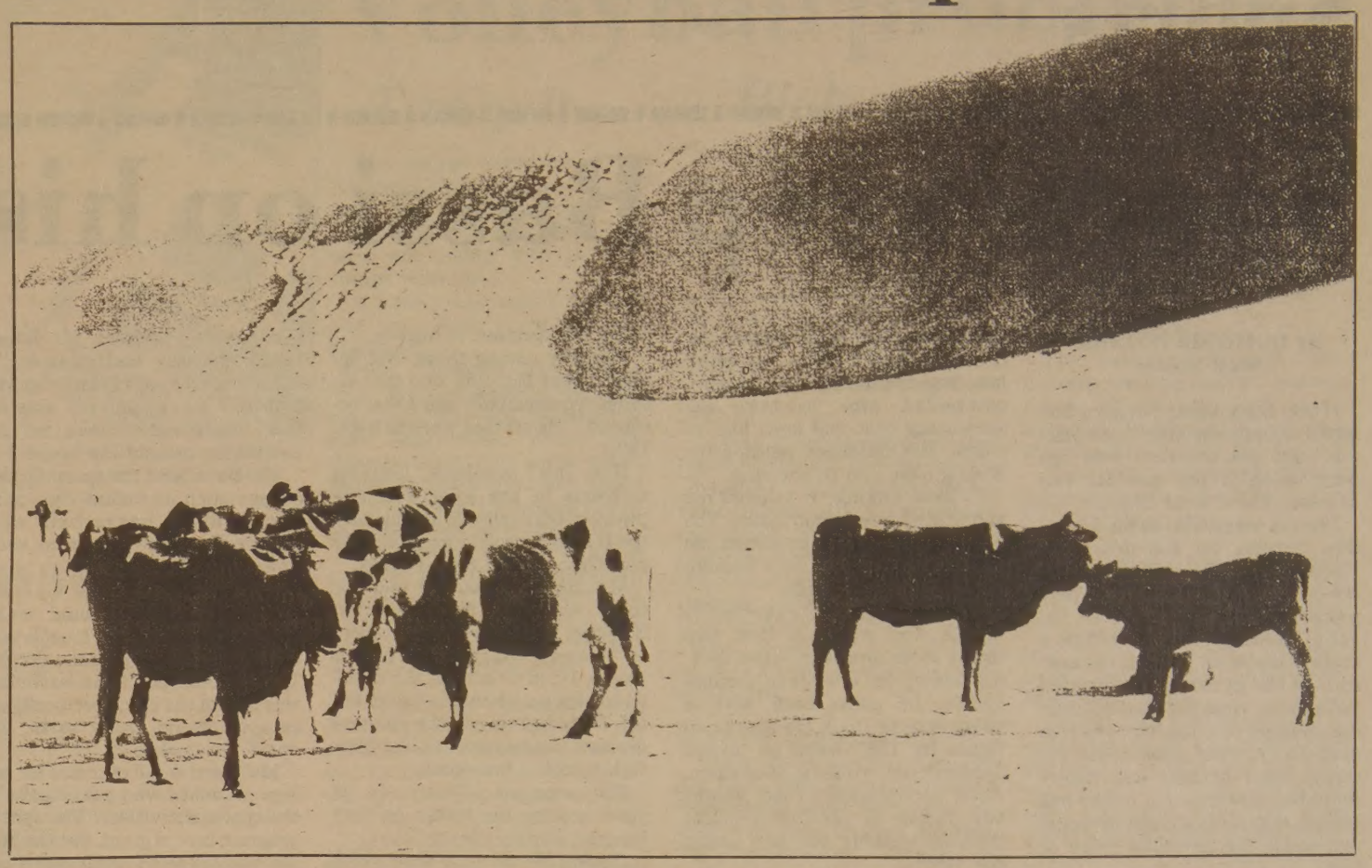
# Tough life at African cattle posts

By KGABO MODIBEDI
Staff Writer



Boreholes are the only sources of water in western Botswana. The low rainfall — sometimes as low as five inches annually — to recharge the watertable leaves cattle thirsty for days. The seven-year drought which ended in '87 reduced the national herd drastically. The sparse savanna vegetation completely withered in the heat. The desperate look in the above traditional Tswana breed tell the story. Kalahari sand dunes in the background are a common feature in western Botswana where they cover a large area. Life at the cattle posts involves driving cattle long distances in search of better grazing fields and watering points.

Photo courtesy of Botswana's Info/Broad.

In the arid West, hundreds of kilometres from main centres — where highways are cattle tracks; where the moon is the street light; where the deep roaring of a satisfied lion at night is the sound of a car engine; where the thick sand of the Kalahari desert is the snow; where the "inhabitants" are mainly cattle, goats, sheep, donkeys, horses and wildlife — Botswana has sparsely populated areas, sometimes five to 10 homesteads in an area about the size of Welland, called cattle posts, meraka.

Cattle posts are communal grazing areas; they are Botswana's version of cattle ranches, though lacking many amenities of a typical modern ranch.

Climatic conditions in western Botswana are very harsh; the tropical sunlight sometimes can shoot the mercury as high as 70 degrees Celsius. The absence of infrastructure and crop fields makes western Botswana an ideal place to raise cattle and other domestic animals. The tropical shrub savannah vegetation found in this part of the country seems to please the palates of Brahmans, Afrikaaners, Semintal and the traditional Tswana breeds. Boreholes are the only sources of water at cattle posts: there are no bodies of water whatsoever. How happy people in western Botswana would be to have a small portion of Lake Ontario!

The few humans whom a visitor comes across are herdboys ranging in age from 10 to 20 years. At the cattle posts, herdboys are completely cut off from the outside world; there are no transistor radios or newspapers. What would they do with a newspaper, for they don't even know how to hold a pencil? Operating a radio may also pose a challenge.

## Day's work

Milking cows in the morning, looking after cattle for the whole day at grazing fields; driving cattle to watering points and driving them back to the kraal in the evening at the homestead is a typical day's work at the cattle posts. Once cattle are inside a kraal, calves are separated from their mothers and driven into their small kraal; otherwise there won't be milk the next day.

Smaller boys look after kids, lambs and calves while the older boys look after cattle, goats and sheep. It's the older boys who travel long distances to grazing fields and watering points, younger boys don't travel far from the homestead, lest they get lost. But sometimes the older boys torment the younger ones and make them look after cattle; it's the survival of the fittest.

Boys leave the care and love of their mothers at an early age to go to look after cattle at the cattle posts. In the old days, boys wouldn't see their mothers and sisters for as long as five to 10 years. The only times boys would return home to see their relatives were in cases of illness, or when they were old enough to marry — by the way, the wife was chosen by parents, and the son had no choice — or when they're old enough to go to work in the South African gold mines. There they joined contingents of other mineworkers from South Africa's neighbors such as Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

## No holidays

Once at the cattle posts, they must forget about spending Christmas with parents; there is no Valentine's Day or any holiday. From January to December, it's all cattle, goats, sheep, donkeys and horses seven days a week.

For most of the time, boys at the cattle posts are all by themselves. Occasionally, fathers visit to see if everything is still all right, and to take more food.

A mixture of corn powder and milk known as legala or lephintsha-tshwene is the main delicacy. Here again it's the survival of the fittest with older boys having a lion's share. Milk and hunting are the last resorts when food runs out at the cattle posts.

It's a tough life at the cattle posts, but older people believe that a youngster subjected to such harsh experiences will become more mature and be able to face the world.

Cattle posts were common in pre-colonial and colonial periods in the 19th century. Even after independence from Britain in 1966, this old cattle-rearing system continued, though slowly dying out. Conservative farmers wouldn't agree to the idea of fencing off cattle ranches because they regarded it as a Western concept, therefore, untraditional.

## Damage

Uncontrolled movement of large cattle heard — there are more cattle than people in Botswana, a ratio of about three to one million -- causes ecological damage. It was only in the early 70s that the government introduced the Tribal Land Grazing Policy. Under this policy, farmers are encouraged to fence off cattle ranches to prevent soil erosion, but old ways die hard; the going isn't easy.

At first old timers resented the advent of modern education; they wouldn't send their sons to school, but preferred to keep them at the cattle posts. However, with the spread of education in Botswana, the hard ground is starting to soften up.

One day, highways will replace cattle tracks; street lights will replace the moonlight and then, not only will the people in western Botswana, but everybody in the whole country, will take a deep sigh and say: "We've come a long way." In the meantime the government must continue arming everybody with the great destroyer of ignorance — education.

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# Sports

# Sports keep Bassi on his feet

By BOME MATSHABA
Staff Writer

If you think being Niagara College's athletic assistant is an easy job, just ask the man who has been doing it for the last two decades. He is Fred Bassi.

The job keeps him on his feet all day, moving up and down the Mackenzie building where most of the college's sports activities take place. One minute he is in the body building room assisting a student do bench presses; the next he is in the gymnasium coaching volleyball. Walking swiftly with the swagger of a pugilist, which he used to be, Fred goes about his duties with a clear and happy mind because this is a job he has been doing all his life and he would not settle for anything more or less.

As he passsed a group of students, one left the group and jokingly threw punches at him. Acting more out of instinct than anything, Fred countered with a series of jabs to the head followed by a couple of punches to the stomach. Though light, the punches came out so fast that not nly did the student back off, but everybody applauded in disbelief.

## Boxing

Fred's love of boxing started way back in his youth. Masquerading as the legendary Rocky Marciano, he donned a track suit and ran through the streets, throwing punches, mimicking his idol in training.

His friends in Welland and later in Niagara Falls where he grew up, knew him well. He was quick with his hands and had an amazing stamina which made other youngsters respect him. Not only did he enjoy fighting, he liked picking fights, too.

"I used to bring those kids home, give them food and throw them a pair of gloves," he said with a chuckle.

Having been lured to play hockey while studying at Boston University, Fred never missed his favorite sport. The summer boredom and inactivity, however, compelled him to take up something that will keep him in shape. His childhood passion for boxing sent him to the ring.

"I liked boxing. It relaxed me and made me feel good inside. The training was hard, but it kept me out of trouble because I usually went home afterwards."

His break came in 1964 when he fought and won his first two fights as an amateur. After leaving boxing for a while in the late 1960's, he came back with a vengeance in 1970. He fought 40 fights by 1982 when he turned professional, winning 27 of them. As a professional, Fred fought two fights in the heavyweight division winning one and losing the other.

"I was 190 pounds then and I was fighting a guy who was weighing 245 and stood 6-foot-4. It wasn't much of a fight because he stopped me in the second round."

"At that time there was no super-heavyweight division meaning that most of my fights were with heavier guys than I was."

The greatest moment of his career came in 1979 when he won the Ontario Amateur Heavyweight title in Kingston.

## Nostalgia

He looks back at his pugilist's life with great nostalgia.

"I wasn't your average type of fighter. I wasn't too fast, nor too talented. I just liked the sport and the contact which was a great release for me. I trained hard and I have no regrets. Given a chance, I would do it all over again, this time right."

After amassing experience and knowledge from the university, fate steered him to Niagara College. Not only did he find a perfect job, he found it at the right moment just when he was starting to worry about his livelihood. The college wanted someone with a degree in physical education and had a background in hockey.

"Luckily among those that applied I was the only one that fit those requirements and I was accepted." He started work in Sept. 1970.

His job involves helping students in the gym, teaching physical education to students in the law and security program and coaching ice and floor hockey.

Mr. Bassi is married and has three children. His daughter, Kristine, 19, is a first-year student at Western University. His son Jason, 18, in Grade 12, has decided to pick up where his father left off. He is fighting in the amateur division and has won his last three fights with a knockout.

The youngest, Danny, 14, is described by his father as "my favorite hockey player."

During his off-duty time which is nearly non-existent, Mr. Bassi takes life easy and relaxes. "I follow my two sons in their sports and stay away from my wife so that she doesn't make me do something around the house."

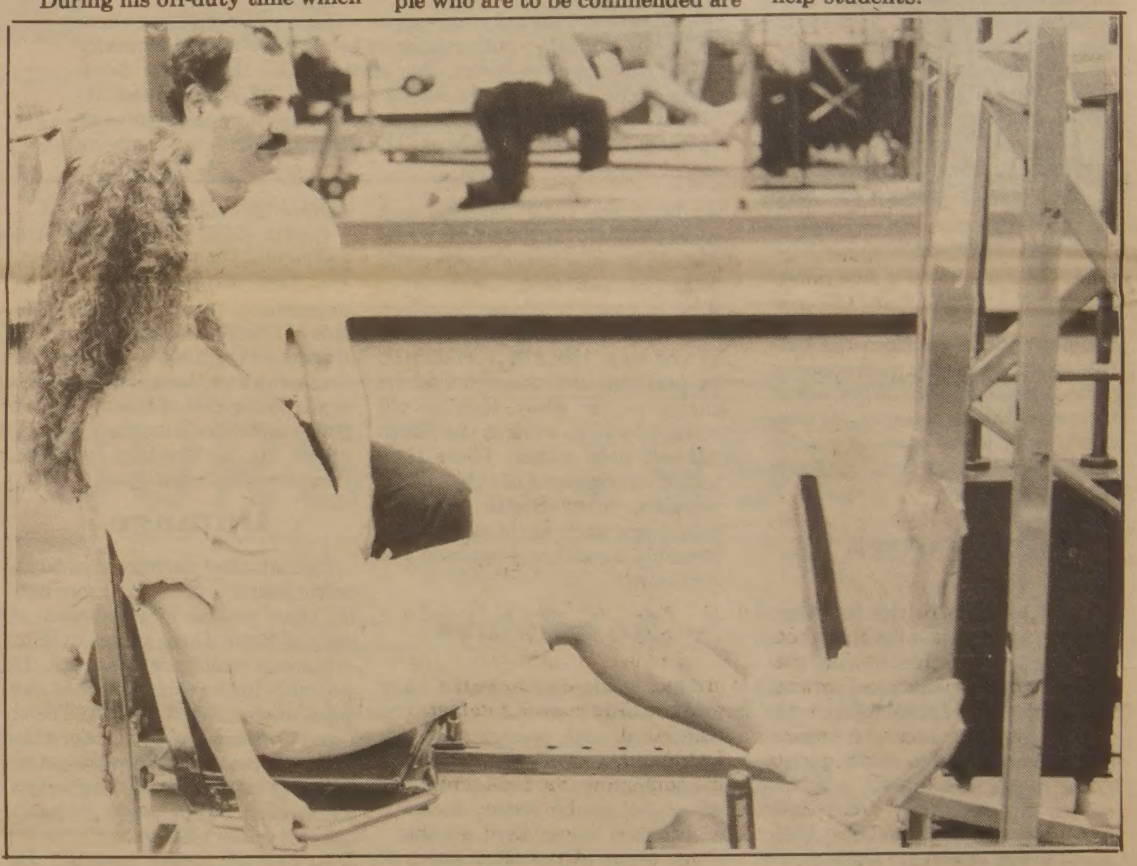
Mr. Bassi said the sports in the college such as badminton, curling, tennis, basketball and volleyball can be improved with financial promotion.

One thing that would make Fred's dreams come true is the construction of an arena on the Welland campus. "An arena on this side of the city, specifically on campus would really make the sport worthwhile."

Mr. Bassi is full of praise for college students who participate in the sports activities. "The sports program here is great, but the people who are to be commended are the students. They sacrifice a lot to get together, practise, attend classes beside doing their part-time jobs. I give them a lot of credit for doing well for themselves and the sport."

After doing the same job for exactly 20 years, Mr. Bassi said he has no choice, but to like it. He said it can be tiring and rewarding at the same time. "There is nothing which gives me greater joy and makes me more proud than to see my players doing well and the spectators having fun."

At 44, Mr. Bassi is quite clear about what he wants when the time comes to retire:"I just want to take life easy and relax." He is appealing to anyone who needs help with training to come to see him. "That is why I am here, to help students."



Fred Bassi helps a student

# LASA, athletics go hand in hand

By SHEILA MCBRAYNE
Staff Writer

The biggest program in the college also has the most athletes. Niagara's Law and Security Administration program has students on almost every varsity team, intramural sports and various extracurricular sports.

"Every year the law and security program has a significant number of athletically inclined people," Ron Shaidle, LASA coordinator, said.

Hockey, volleyball, basketball, touch football, badminton and tennis are all represented by LASA students. "We usually have about four or five players from law and security, but this year we only have two," Ray Sarkis, men's volleyball coach, said.

Sylvie Royer, first-year LASA, won the Northern Quebec Regional Armwrestling championship, women's division. Sylvie doesn't have to go to a gym to work out, "I get my strength from working on a farm," she said. Sylvie competed against 30 other female competitors in this tournament in 1987.

## Gold medal

Rob Galley, first-year LASA, was a member of the Canadian National Ski Patrol, and second-year student Craig Evans won a gold medal at the Saskatoon Summer Games last year in softball.

"We have a lot of exceptional female athletes, too. Last year Leah Kulas won the athlete-of-the-year award," Mr. Shaidle said. "Physical fitness and law and security go hand-in-hand."

## Requirement

Leah, a second-year LASA student from Wingham, played on both the volleyball and badminton teams. "Physical fitness is one of the requirements of the job," she said. Leah also plays hockey and slo pitch. Asked if she had always been in athletics she said, "No. Athletics have always been in me."

The Niagara Knights hockey team "has always had good representation from the law and security program," coach Fred Bassi said. "Six of my starting 19 players are LASA students and one of our two goalies is," Mr. Bassi said. Brian Collins, a second-year LASA student, has a 2.81 goals-against average. Lance Parcher, first year, is tied for first with 27 points for the team. He has 18 goals and nine assists in 12 games. Chris Gallagher, second year, has 24 points with six goals and 18 assists in 13 games.

## 5 of 11

The women's volleyball team this year is dependent on law and security students. Five of the 11 players are LASA. The players are Leah, Paula Delano, Cheryl McVicar, Karri Goering and Sue Cowan.

"Law and security must maintain a certain level of physical fitness," Mr. Shaidle said. LASA is one of the few college programs that has gym as a mandatory course. First-year students are marked on their running time for the mile and a half, situps, pushups and flexibility. Students also use the weight room during class time or any other unscheduled time during school hours.

**Give blood**

**Feb. 16**

University of Buffalo goalie Steve Skoff leads his team out on the ice. The Herd were corralled for the slaughter at the hands of the Knights.

# Knights blast UB, stretch ICHL lead

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

Lance Parcher had five goals all assisted by Jim Denardi, including a natural hat trick, while Jeff Mazi had three of his own to lead the Niagara Knights in a 13-2 trouncing of the University of Buffalo Saturday night.

The Big Blue Machine is widening its lead through the stretch of the ICHL season like a quality thoroughbred. The Knights are now two points better than their nearest rival, Erie Community College, and hold three games in hand. Niagara holds a five-point margin over third place Penn State.

The win over UB was the 10th straight for the Big Blue Machine after starting the season 1-2.

Kent Loach set the tone of the evening when he struck for two goals 11 seconds apart to give the Knights a 3-0 lead after Jim Denardi had opened the scoring in the 11th minute.

**BREAKAWAY GOAL**

Mazi opened scoring in the second period with an unassisted breakaway goal just after the three-minute mark. Dave Browne replied quickly for the Herd 57 seconds later to make the score 4-2. Buffalo would have done best to call it a game there.

Parcher struck for two in a row and between the goals UB goalie Steve Skoff was cut in an altercation with Niagara's Dan Ruetz and had to leave the game.

Jerry Suplicki who replaced him had no better luck. Chris Brownell and Mazi rounded out the second period scoring to give the Knights an 8-2 lead.

The third period was the Lance Parcher show with the Niagara marksman netting three straight goals all assisted by Jim Denardi

LANCE PARCHER

in the space of 3:14 to run the score up to 11-2.

Mazi added his third and James Ward had a single to make it 13-2 before the final buzzer had mercy on the Herd.

The Knights are back in action again tomorrow (Saturday) night against the University of Rochester Yellowjackets at the Welland arena. Admission is free. Game time is 8 o'clock.

***Men bickering***

# Volleyball problems

***Women snowed in***

## *Two quit*

Two former members of the Niagara College men's volleyball team say they didn't quit the team because it was weak; they were not happy with the way things were run.

"I have never said I will not play for a weak team," George Motz said.

Colin Picheniuk and George Motz, law and security students, said their coach did not welcome their suggestions. When they thought there were areas which needed to be improved Ray Sarkis wouldn't listen. He wanted things to be done his way, they said.

What they were doing with Ray were the things they had learned at high school. They expected to learn more advanced skills at a college and the practice drills were not doing them any good.

They said Ray was putting too much emphasis on basics; "we could not rely on basics." George said he likes to play, not only to win, but for fun. He added that there was no team spirit.

The two said that they were told that if they quit, the team would fold, and there wouldn't be another team for the next two years. They said they were surprised that the team still exists after they have quit.

Ray said OCAA regulations stipulate that a team that has played in one tournament and then drops out of the league is fined $500 and the team is suspended for two years.

Ray agreed that he wanted players to do things his way. "I'm here to build a winning program," he said. "I coach to win, not to lose, and I don't play favorites."

**ICHL STANDINGS**

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Niagara | 11 | 2 | 0 | 22 |
| Erie C.C. | 10 | 6 | 0 | 20 |
| Penn St. | 8 | 5 | 1 | 17 |
| Conestoga | 8 | 5 | 0 | 16 |
| Buff St. | 6 | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| U. of B. | 2 | 10 | 0 | 4 |
| U. Roch. | 1 | 12 | 0 | 2 |

## Give blood Feb. 16

## *Highways impassable*

"A college decision" made by Judy Halaiko and athletic coordinator Peter Rylander cancelled a trip to the women's volleyball tournament last weekend.

Judy and 11 team members made it as far as Oakville on the 403 when they were forced to turn around and go home because of the snow storm. "The visibility was zero, and the road conditions were terrible."

"I was advised by the OPP that travel on the 403 and 401 was not advisable." Judy drove the college van to Vineland and stopped at a restaurant. She decided to keep going until she stopped again at the inspection station just before Oakville. After conferring with Peter and the Ontario Provincial Poilce, "I decided to turn back because I felt it was unsafe to go any farther."

**LOTS OF ACCIDENTS**

The team left at 10:15 a.m. Friday from the college and reached Vineland at noon. There were accidents all along the way, she said. The average speed was about 30 km/h on the 403.

"I think we made the right decision," Judy said.

Lambton College from Sarnia left for the same tournament on Thursday, a day early, but got caught in the storm on the drive home. It was freezing rain since 2 p.m. Saturday in Kingston, and it took Lambton 14 hours to drive home, Judy said. "I have my class F licence, but I'm not a professional driver."

"We wanted to go to Kingston more than anything else," Sue Cowan, team member, said. "The whole team was pumped up for this tournament."

"Our attitude was Kingston or bust," Karri Goering, another team member, said.

"It was like an emotional roller-coaster," team captain Leah Kulas said. "One minute we're up because we're going, and then we're down because we weren't going. Then we were, and finally we were definitely not going."

**CAN'T TAKE BUS**

The women's volleyball team has only one long distance tournament all season and team members were wondering why they couldn't take a bus for it.

"It's not economical. You're looking in the ball park of around $1,000," Peter said.

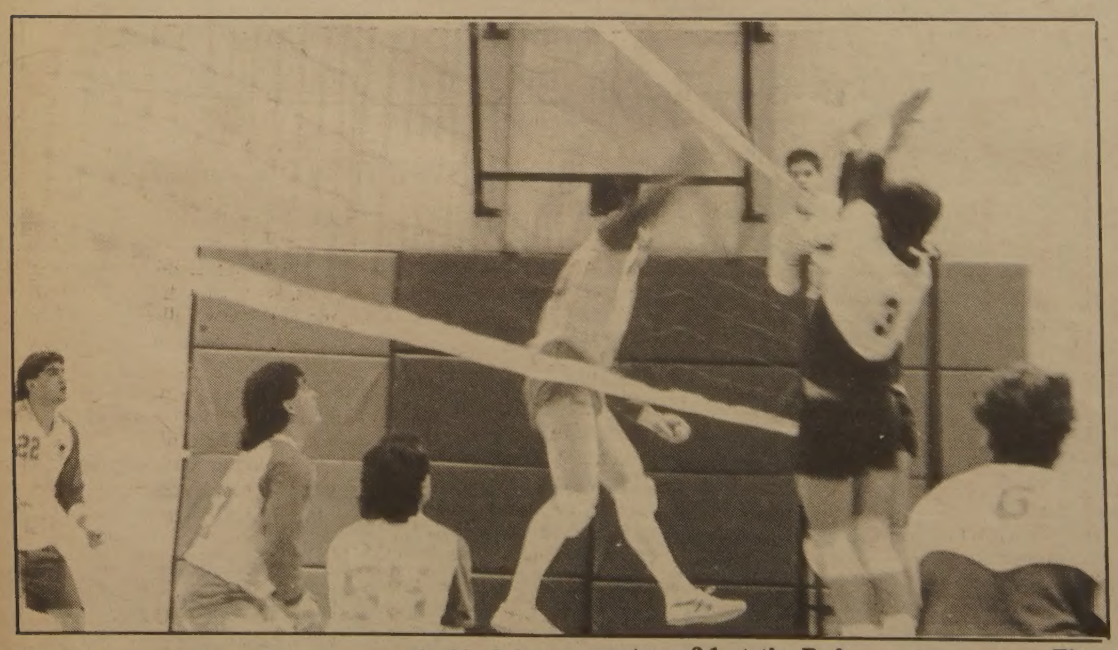
Judy was in a similar situation two years ago when returning from a tournament in North Bay. "We got caught in a storm and it took us 14 hours from North Bay back home." It was usually a five or six-hour drive.

The problem that faces Judy is concentrating on the game when she has the responsibility of driving home, too. "I get up at six with the team, have breakfast with them and coach all day. Then I have to drive back home. Sometimes that could mean a 20-hour day."

The Niagara Knights' hockey team always travel by bus because it has a lot of equipment and about 30 people that take the bus, Fred Bassi, hockey coach, said.

"All the other teams like golf and tennis use the van, but this problem has never come up because of the timing of their seasons," Peter said.

The Kingston tournament was not cancelled for those who made it there, but results were not available at this time. Niagara is the host of the next tournament this weekend. "I hope the girls put this out of their minds and play well this weekend," Peter said.



Knights volleyball squad goes up for the block in a game last weekend in Hamilton against Canadore College. The Knights downed the Panthers 2-0, (15-12, 15-9) in their first match but later lost to the same team 2-1 at the Redeemer tournament. The Knights also downed Redeemer College 2-1 but lost to Cambrian College 2-0.

Photo by Ray Sarkis

## What are these things?

**Students in the technical department are busy trying to figure out how their new machinery works. Pictured above unloading the donation of adjustable speed motor drives donated by T.B. Wood's of Pennsylvania are left to right, Santanu Gangoly, Rob Aiello, Rob Koudijs, Ihab Wahba and Jeff Winter.**

Photo by Jennifer Huggins

# Toast Valentine's Day with a glass of wine

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

Cupids, flowers and chocolates are all very well for next Wednesday, but they don't tell the whole story.

Valentine's Day here is a day for lovers, but in Bulgaria, Feb. 14 is Trifon Zarenzan, or Viticulturists' Day — with a tradition more orgiastic than romantic.

Trifon Zarenzan is a centuries-old festivity, celebrated by some Bulgarians, with customs based on the cult of Dionysus, Greek god of wine and merriment.

Dionysus was the son of Zeus and Semele, daughter of Cadmus, King of Thebes. As he grew up, Dionysus wandered the earth teaching viticulture, a branch of agricultural science concerned with the culture and production of grapes, especially for wine.

Dionysus represented the lifeblood element in nature, so lavish feasts were instituted in his honor. A cult following grew up around these feasts. These Dionysia quickly won converts, particularly among women. The men, however, met them with hostility.

The cult flourished for a long time in Asia Minor.

Characteristics of the religion were orgiastic rites, attended by a wine-frenzied troupe of nymphs who roamed the mountains in fawn skirts, shrieking and dancing by torchlight. At the height of ecstasy, they would grab a wild animal, tear it apart and eat the raw flesh.

This day is also famous for several historical events. On Feb. 14, 1859, Oregon was admitted as the 33rd state in the United States. On the same day in 1912, Arizona was admitted as the 48th state. Both states celebrate Admission Day.

The German warship Bismarck was launched on Feb. 14, 1929. It was the pride of the German navy, one of the largest battleships afloat. Its career did not last long and ended spectacularly. In the spring of 1941, the Bismarck was sighted off the coast of Denmark. Almost the entire British mome fleet converged on the ship. After sinking the British battleship, HMS Hood, the Bismarck was herself sunk.

So when someone sends you flowers, or lacy cards or tender glances on Valentines Day, remember, Feb. 14 is much more.

## Oops

Due to a misunderstanding, Golnaz Ghoujalou was quoted in the last edition of the Niagara News (Iranian-born students enjoy college education) as saying Iranians are not open minded. In fact, she did not say this. The Niagara News apologizes for any embarrassment caused.

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## Penn State

## Sign up now before it's too late

Students interested in going to Penn State to watch the Niagara hockey Knights play have until Monday to sign up for the trip.

Donna Flutur, Student Administrative Council office manager, said the trip will be next weekend if about 40 people sign up. It will cost between $60 and $70 per person.

Donna said the trip has been advertised with banners around the college, but nobody has signed up. "This happens every year until it is to late," she said.

But the trip is still on, because some people have told SAC they are interested.

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## SAC increases fees

members of the Board of Governors to ask for permission to increase the fee. However, no date has yet been set for the meeting. SAC members hope to meet the board as soon as possible.

Jim said $3 will go to SAC, and $2 will go to athletics. Some of the money will be used to cover the cost of operating the centre.

and it might take another two years for it to be increased if it is not increased this year, Donna said.

SAC president Jim Acsai said he supports the increase. It is not really a big increase, and should not be a problem to students, he said.

SAC members plan to meet

## McGuinness

A letter was sent to the Niagara News hinting as to the location of the Cup, but it was never recovered, and then Mr. Edwards "Went off to Calgary" to work in engineering and surveying.

**SINCE 1968**

Mr. McGuinness was with the survey technician program at Niagara from its inception in 1968 until 1989, when it was terminated due to low enrolment. He attributes the lack of student interest in the program to the fact that surveying is not taught in the high school system - "So how does one get exposure to it?"

The program closing was especially unfortunate in the face of "a crying demand for surveyors" in the community, but it was a matter of college economics, he said.

Mr. McGuinness now works for the futures program in Welland as an academic facilitator: he assists young people to attain high school credits toward their high school diplomas. He makes arrangements for them to receive the proper course materials, advises them, and helps them with their courses as required.

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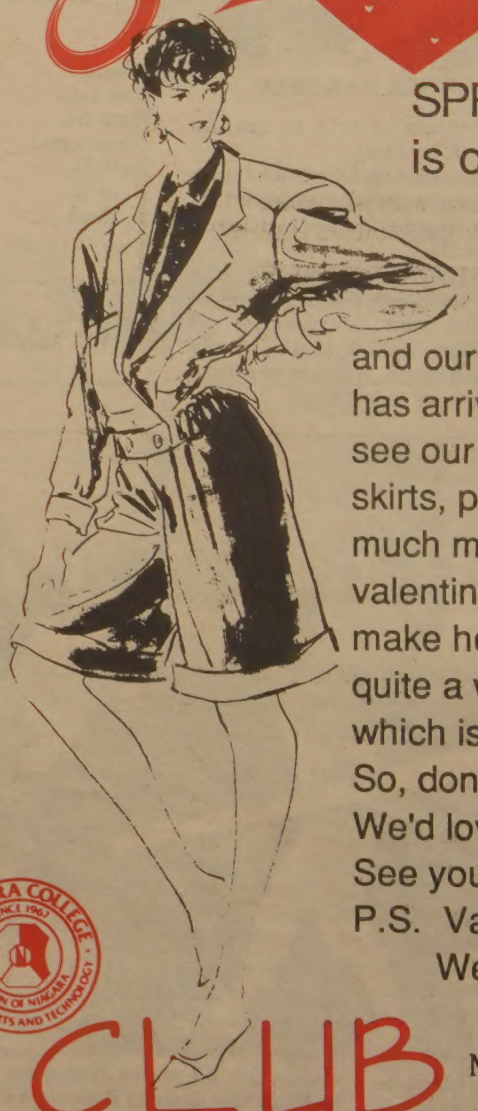

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